GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5755
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2000
POSTING OF ENVOYS NO
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU;M. JAGANNATH;PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for the posting of envoys;

(b) whether any instances have come to notice regarding manipulation relating to posting in neighbouring countries especially the SAARC countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether rules have been amended with regard to posting in neighbouring countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) The appointments of Ambassadors/High Commissioners to foreign countries are decided on the basis of a number of criteria which include, inter alia, their seniority, career, relevant experience and an overall suitability for the tasks and the post.

(b)No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.